



Grants Alert

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VALLEY PRIMARY CARE NETWORK RECEIVES GRANT FROM HOGG FOUNDATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the Valley Primary Care Network of Harlingen has received a grant of \$1,138,184 over three years from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health. The purpose of the grant is to bring a collaborative care model to its four community health centers: the Brownsville Community Health Center, Community Action Council of South Texas, Nuestra Clinica del Valle, and Su Clinica Familiar. These clinics will partner with Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation to treat a range of mental health problems in children and adults.

Congressman Hinojosa provided a letter of support to accompany the grant application.

“Ensuring that adults and children have access to quality and comprehensive health care is still a real challenge” said Hinojosa. “Too often we don’t include mental health when discussing overall care – but it is just as important as our overall physical health. Unfortunately, however, an individual’s primary care physician may not be trained to identify or treat mental health conditions.”

The collaborative care model is an integrated health care approach in which primary care and mental health providers partner to manage the treatment of mental

health problems in the primary care or pediatric setting, and address barriers to implementation they encounter. It integrates a mental health care manager and a consulting psychiatrist into the primary care or pediatric setting.

“The four clinics have a proven record of delivering quality health care to its patients. For example, Nuestra Clinica del Valle has provided medical and dental care services in Hidalgo County for 35 years,” continued Hinojosa. “This grant will help both organizations provide even greater services and will help remove the barriers that prevent some people from getting the care they need.”

The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health is an administrative unit of the University of Texas at Austin. For more than 65 years, the Hogg Foundation has provided grants to mental health services, research, policy and public education projects in the state of Texas.



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HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR UNITED WAY OF SOUTH TEXAS

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the United Way of South Texas with \$102,375 in Supportive Housing Program funds for its Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project.

"Unfortunately homelessness remains a real crisis in the United States," said Hinojosa. "Often we don't know how many people, families, and children are homeless; therefore, we can't get them the resources they need to get off the streets. I commend the United Way of South Texas for the work they do on a daily basis to improve the lives of people in our communities."

The Supportive Housing Program assists homeless providers to acquire, build, renovate and operate facilities that serve homeless families and individuals and offer homeless people the housing and supportive services they need to move out of homelessness and to achieve independent living. Awards are made to new projects and currently operating projects seeking renewal of their funding.

HMIS implementation gives communities tools to re-examine how homeless services are provided in their community, to make informed decisions, and develop appropriate action steps. Implementation of the program varies from community to community.



HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GRANT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS – PAN AMERICAN

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the U.S. Department of Education's Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program has awarded The University of Texas – Pan American, Department of Modern Languages and Literature, a grant for \$85,006.00.

The University plans to use the funds to strengthen and reposition Latin American studies by: developing new and innovative courses on Latin America; establishing a new program for Portuguese language acquisition; and, creating two interdisciplinary concentrations within the Latin American studies major – Brazilian studies and Public Health.

"As the world continues to become more and more connected, it has become apparent that we need more educational opportunities for students in international studies and international relations," said Hinojosa. "Understanding the United States' relationship with Latin American countries is

important not just in historical terms, but for the future of both regions. This program provides an exciting, new opportunity for UTPA students and faculty."

The project involves the collaboration of 18 faculty members, representing 10 different departments and five of UTPA's six colleges. In addition, the University will increase the library's holdings of materials related to Brazil and public health in Latin America, strengthen its relationship with a Brazilian university through faculty visits, initiate a series of lectures by experts from other universities, host four in-service training programs for a total of 60 high school teachers, and implement measures of evaluation for all aspects of the Latin American studies program.

The Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program provides grants to strengthen and improve undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign languages.

HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANTS FOR HIDALGO COUNTY, THE CITY OF EDINBURG AND THE CITY OF ALICE

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the U.S. Department of Justice's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) has awarded Hidalgo County with \$88,653 for its Commissioner's Court, the City of Edinburg with \$19,371 for the Edinburg Police Department, and the City of Alice with \$16,675 for its "Outreach Clearance II" program.

The Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court has implemented two Auxiliary Courts with a Drug Court Diversion Program to assist with first-time drug offenders. The Division Program supports a rehabilitative process for first-time offenders. If offenders are successful in following through with the Judge's requirements, he or she is given an opportunity to have the offense diminished or removed from their record. Hidalgo County will use JAG funds to help offset rising court costs due to increasing caseloads.

"The Commissioner's Court gives first-time offenders an opportunity to get on the right path and seek rehabilitation options," said Hinojosa. "The grant will help the Court assist these individuals and continue its good work."

The goal of the Edinburg Police Department is to have a total of 25 mobile operational laptop computers within the department. The mobile laptop units have allowed the police officers to better serve Edinburg, as well as the surrounding cities of McAllen, Pharr, and Hidalgo by quickly locating and apprehending individuals with outstanding warrants. JAG funds will be used to purchase four additional laptops to streamline reporting process and decrease report preparation time.

"Law enforcement agencies have long used technology to streamline and modernize the responsibilities of the job," continued Hinojosa. "As our first responders, we must ensure that they have the latest technologies to keep our communities safe and to get the job done quickly and effectively. This grant will help the Edinburg Police Department do just that."

The City of Alice's Outreach Clearance II Program seeks to prevent and/or apprehend individuals committing crimes in neighborhoods that have experienced vandalism and burglaries. Officials will use the funds for surveillance and photography of crime scenes where incidents have occurred.

"Providing our law enforcement agencies with the resources they need to keep our communities safe and get the job done is so important," said Hinojosa. "Our first responders have a tremendous amount of responsibility, and these funds will help reduce the instances of crime and make Alice safe for all residents."

Grant funds will be used to fund administrative expenses and to purchase law enforcement equipment.

The Edward Byrne Memorial JAG program allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. Grant funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice in one or more of the following purpose areas:

- Law enforcement programs;
- Prosecution and court programs;
- Prevention and education programs;
- Corrections and community corrections programs;
- Drug treatment programs, and;
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.



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AGRICULTURE

Commodity Partnerships for Small Agricultural Risk Management Education Sessions (Commodity Partnerships Small Sessions Program)

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC)

Deadline: 06/02/2006

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), operating through the Risk Management Agency (RMA), announces the availability of approximately \$500,000 for Commodity Partnerships for Small Agricultural Risk Management Education Sessions (the Commodity Partnerships Small Sessions Program). The purpose of this cooperative partnership agreement program is to deliver training and information in the management of production, marketing, and financial risk to U.S. agricultural producers. The program gives priority to educating producers of crops currently not insured under Federal crop insurance, specialty crops, and underserved commodities, including livestock and forage. A maximum of 50 cooperative partnership agreements will be funded, with no more than five in each of the ten designated RMA Regions. The maximum award for any cooperative partnership agreement will be \$10,000. Recipients of awards must demonstrate non-financial benefits from a cooperative partnership agreement and must agree to the substantial involvement of RMA in the project.

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 50

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants include State departments of agriculture, universities, non-profit agricultural organizations, and other public or private organizations with the capacity to lead a local program of risk management education for farmers and ranchers in an RMA Region. Individuals are not eligible applicants.

Contact: Lon Burke, Phone: 202-720-5265, Email: RMA.Risk-Ed@rma.usda.gov

Website: www.usda.gov

Research and Development Risk Management Research Partnerships

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC)

Deadline: 6/8/2006

The purpose of this program is to fund partnership agreements that assist producers, minimize their production risks, and/or develop risk management tools. The agreements are for the development of risk management tools for use directly by agricultural producers. To aid in meeting these goals each partnership agreement awarded through this program will provide the recipient with funds, guidance, and the substantial involvement of RMA to carry out these risk management initiatives. Applications requesting funding for the development of insurance products, plans of insurance, policies, modifications thereof or related materials are excluded from consideration under this announcement.

Total Funding Available: \$4,000,000

Eligible Applicants: Proposals are invited from qualified public and private entities. Eligible applicants include colleges and universities, Federal, State, and local agencies, Native American tribal organizations, non-profit and for-profit private organizations or corporations, and other entities. Individuals are not eligible applicants

Website: www.usda.gov

National Research Initiative: Animal Biosecurity Coordinated Agricultural Projects

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC)

Deadline: 10/31/2006

Strengthening the Nation's capacity to protect animal agriculture from disease losses and threats arising from high impact endemic diseases, new or re-emerging challenges, or foreign diseases accidentally or intentionally introduced, is a major challenge facing the U.S. The Animal Biosecurity Program was initiated in FY 2003 and serves as a catalyst to bring the larger animal health community together for specific diseases or issues. In FY 2006, this program only invites renewal applications for existing Coordinated Agricultural Projects (CAP); specifically for: 1) Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) and 2) Johne's Disease. Please note that program priorities may have changed. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities additional information relative to the programs of interest.

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Maximum Grant Size: \$4,800,000

Eligible Applicants: City or Township Governments, County Governments, For-profit Organizations Other Than , Small Businesses, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Individuals, Native American Tribal Organizations, not Federally recognized Tribal Governments, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Education, Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Small Business, State Agricultural Experiment Stations, State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, State Governments

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ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Summer Schools in the Arts

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 5/22/2006 Statement of interest, **8/28/2006** Final proposals

To raise the quality and availability of arts education in communities nationwide, the Arts Endowment created the Summer Schools in the Arts program. This program supports rigorous, challenging summer arts education programs that enable children and youth to acquire knowledge and skills in the arts as well as gain lifelong interests in the arts and culture.

Maximum Grant Size: \$35,000

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply.

Contact: Arts Endowment Staff, Phone: 202-682-5579, Website: www.arts.gov

Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 06/15/2006

The National Endowment for the Arts is committed to the goal of enabling all Americans to enrich their lives through the arts. The critical gateway to a lifetime of appreciation of and engagement with the arts is a high quality education in the arts. Learning in the arts is vital for two reasons: It invites children to celebrate and participate in a central part of their cultural inheritance, and it is an important contributing factor in the development of social and academic skills. The Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth category offers funding for projects that help children and youth acquire appreciation, knowledge, and understanding of and skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engagement of students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art. We also require that funded projects ensure the application of national, state, or local arts education standards.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contacts by area of interest: Design, Literature, Media Arts, Museums: 202-682-5521, Folk & Traditional Arts, Local Arts Agencies, and Presenting: 202-682-5690, Music organizations with names that begin A through L, Musical Theater, Opera, Theater, Visual Arts: 202-682-5688, Dance, Music organizations with names that begin M through Z: 202-682-5044

Humanities Initiatives for Faculty at Hispanic-Serving Institutions

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 06/23/2006

Humanities Initiatives for Faculty are intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at Hispanic-serving institutions. These grants may be used to enhance the humanities content of existing programs, develop new programs, or lay the foundation for more extensive endeavors.

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ors in the future. Each project must be organized around a core topic or set of themes.

Maximum Grant Size: \$75,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with 501(c)3 tax exempt status or an institution of higher education that has an FTE enrollment of at least 25% Hispanic students is eligible to apply.

Contact: Division of Education Programs, Phone: 202-606-8380, Email: education@neh.gov

Website: www.neh.gov

Folk & Arts: Access to Artistic Excellence #2

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 08/14/2006

The National Endowment for the Arts is interested in projects, regardless of the size or type of applicant organization, that are of national, regional, or field-wide significance; that tour in several states; or that provide an unusual or especially valuable contribution because of geographic location. This includes local projects that can have significant effects within communities or that are likely to serve as models for a field. Support for the identification, documentation, preservation, and perpetuation of the folk and traditional arts through:

- Identification and documentation of artists and artistic resources.
- Conservation of archival material.
- Public programs that raise awareness of cultural heritage.
- Workshops, residencies, and apprenticeships.
- Conferences and gatherings of artists.
- Technical assistance and provision of cultural expertise to arts organizations.

Projects that strengthen a state or region's infrastructure of support for the folk and traditional arts. This may include the creation of long-term organizational and community partnerships or support for no more than three years of professional folk arts positions.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Folk & Traditional Arts Specialists, Phone: 202-682-5678 or 202-682-5726

Website: www.neh.gov

Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 07/03/2006

These grants support national or regional (multi-state) education and training programs on the care and management of, and the creation of intellectual access to, library, archival and material culture collections. Eligible projects include: 1) the development and presentation of courses or programs on the care and management of collections for staff in cultural organizations who are responsible for the day-to-day care of collections; 2) the development and presentation of courses or programs that focus on the skills and knowledge required to provide or enhance intellectual access to humanities collections; 3) graduate programs in preservation and conservation; and 4) preservation field services that serve a multi-state region and provide surveys, consultations, workshops, reference services, and informational materials to the staff of institutions responsible for the care of humanities collections.

Maximum Grant Size: \$550,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with 501(c)3 tax exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and tribal governments. Grants are not awarded to individuals.

Contact: Division of Preservation and Access, Phone: 202-606-8570, Email: preservation@neh.gov, Website: www.neh.gov

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Museum: Access to Artistic Excellence #2

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 08/14/2006

The National Endowment for the Arts is interested in projects, regardless of the size or type of applicant organization, that are of national, regional, or field-wide significance; that tour in several states; or that provide an unusual or especially valuable contribution because of geographic location. This includes local projects that can have significant effects within communities or that are likely to serve as models for a field. The Access to Artistic Excellence category provides support for projects that include but are not limited to: Conservation, Documentation, Provenance research, Collections management, Permanent collection catalogues, Reinstallation of collections, Public programs such as lectures, symposia, and community outreach.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Museum Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5576, Website: www.nea.gov

Design: Access to Artistic Excellence #2

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 8/14/2006

The National Endowment for the Arts is interested in projects, regardless of the size or type of applicant organization, that are of national, regional, or field-wide significance; that tour in several states; or that provide an unusual or especially valuable contribution because of geographic location. This includes local projects that can have significant effects within communities or that are likely to serve as models for a field. The Access to Artistic Excellence category is the standard means of applying for a grant in Design. Applications will be accepted under two deadlines: March 13, 2006, and August 14, 2006. Funded activities can be loosely divided into two areas: Innovation and Stewardship. Stewardship refers to projects that protect, share, or celebrate our collective design heritage. These include, among others:

- Historic preservation activities.
- The exhibition and publication of the design of the past.
- Education and outreach that bring established design practices to American communities.

Conferences, symposia, and other gatherings that promote the heritage and conservation of design.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Design Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5796, Website: www.nea.gov

Literature: Access to Artistic Excellence #2

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 08/14/2006

The National Endowment for the Arts is interested in projects, regardless of the size or type of applicant organization, that are of national, regional, or field-wide significance; that tour in several states; or that provide an unusual or especially valuable contribution because of geographic location. This includes local projects that can have significant effects within communities or that are likely to serve as models for a field.

Through Audience Development, the National Endowment for the Arts encourages national and regional activities that promote and develop audiences for literature. Support is available for projects that include but are not limited to:

- Residencies and readings.
- Touring of writers.

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- Efforts to provide increased community access and audience exposure to literature and the craft of writing.
- Media projects that promote literature.
- Literary festivals.
- Distribution of works of literary value.

Innovative uses of technology to provide readers with access to writers and literature.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Literature Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5771, Website: www.nea.gov

Challenge Grants #2

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 11/01/2006

NEH challenge grants help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Because of the matching requirements, these NEH awards also strengthen the humanities by encouraging nonfederal sources of support. Both federal and nonfederal funds must provide long-term benefits to the humanities. Challenge grant funds should not merely replace funds already being expended on the humanities, but instead should reflect careful strategic planning to strengthen and enhance the institution's activities in and commitment to the humanities. Direct grant funds may also be used for bridging support, where the challenge grant provides for endowment income to meet the same expenses in the future. Bridging funds up to the equivalent amount of projected endowment income may be used to cover expenses during the grant period, while the endowment is being established.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: With the exception of elementary and secondary schools or school districts, any U.S. nonprofit institution (public agency or private nonprofit organization) working wholly or in part with the humanities may apply for a challenge grant. Affiliated institutions (e.g., university museums) should consult with NEH staff on questions of separate eligibility.

Contact: Office of Challenge Grants, Phone: 202-606-8309, Email: challenge@neh.gov, Website: www.neh.gov

DISABILITIES

Technology and Media Services for Individuals With Disabilities: Access to Emerging Technologies

U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

Deadline: 05/30/2006

The purpose of the program is to: Improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; support educational media services activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom setting to children with disabilities; and provide support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom setting. The purpose of this priority is to support the use of technology in the areas of captioning and video description to promote the accessibility of educational programs in order to enhance learning opportunities for children with disabilities.

Maximum Grant Size: \$376,650

Number of Awards: 3

Eligible Applicants: State educational agencies (SEAs); local educational agencies (LEAs); public charter schools that are LEAs under State law; institutions of higher education (IHEs); other public agencies; private nonprofit organizations; outlying areas; freely associated States; Indian tribes or tribal organizations; and for-profit organizations.

Contact: Jo Ann McCann, Phone: 202-245-7434, Website: www.ed.gov

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The Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation

Deadline: 06/01/2006

The MEAF is dedicated to helping young people with disabilities maximize their potential and full participation in society. The Foundation supports organizations and projects within its mission that address important needs, have broad scope and impact, and demonstrate potential for replication at other sites. A major program emphasis is inclusion: enabling young people with disabilities to have full access to educational, vocational and recreational opportunities and to participate alongside their non-disabled peers. The Foundation provides national grants to projects and organizations throughout the United States, giving preference to areas where company facilities are located. Concept papers should be submitted by June 1, annually to be considered for funding the following year.

Website: <http://www.meaf.org/>

Programs Targeting Children with Disabilities

Deadline: 10/01/2006

CVS/pharmacy Community Grants are currently accepting proposals for programs targeting children under age 18 with disabilities that address: health and rehabilitation services; a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs; opportunities or facilities that give greater access to physical movement and play.

Maximum Award: varies.

Eligible Applicants: Public schools with programs for children under age 18 with disabilities. Website:

http://www.cvs.com/corplinfo/community/community_grants.html

Technology and Media Services for Individuals With Disabilities: Center To Support Technology Innovation for Students With Disabilities

U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

Deadline: 12/02/2006

The purpose of the program is to:

- Improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology,
- support educational media services activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom setting to children with disabilities, and provide support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom setting.

Maximum Grant Size: \$800,000

Eligible Applicants: State educational agencies (SEAs); local educational agencies (LEAs); public charter schools that are LEAs under State law; institutions of higher education (IHEs); other public agencies; private nonprofit organizations; outlying areas; freely associated States; Indian tribes or tribal organizations; and for-profit organizations.

Contact: Jane Hauser, Contact Phone: 202-245-7373

Website: www.ed.gov

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Assistance Programs: 2006

U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Economic Development Administration is soliciting proposals for the following programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965: Public Works and Economic Development Investments Program, Planning Program, Local Technical Assistance Program, Economic Adjustment Assistance Program. EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness,

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preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. In implementing this mission pursuant to its authorizing statute, PWEDA, EDA advances economic growth by assisting communities and regions experiencing chronic high unemployment and low per capita income to create an environment that fosters innovation, promotes entrepreneurship, and attracts increased private capital investment. Under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, EDA also provides technical assistance to firms adversely affected by increased import competition.

Total Funding Available: \$250,741,104

Eligible Applicants: District Organization; an Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; a State, a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; an institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or a public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.

Website: www.eda.gov

Non-Urban Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Veteran's Employment and Training Services (VETS)

Date: 05/22/2006

The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), announces a grant competition under 38 U.S.C. 2021, as added by Section 5 of Public Law 107-95, the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act of 2001 (HVCAA). Section 2021 requires the Secretary of Labor to conduct, directly or through grant or contract, such programs as the Secretary determines appropriate to provide job training, counseling, and placement services (including job readiness, literacy training, and skills training) to expedite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor force.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Awards: 7

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants will generally fall into one of the following categories: State and local Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs), established under Sections 111 and 117 of the Workforce Investment Act; Public agencies, meaning any public agency of a State or of a general purpose political subdivision of a State that has the power to levy taxes and spend funds, as well as general corporate and police powers. (This typically refers to cities and counties.) A State agency may propose in its application to serve one or more of the jurisdictions located in its State. This does not preclude a city or county agency from submitting an application to serve its own jurisdiction; For-profit/commercial entities and Non-profit organizations (including faith-based and community organizations). If claiming 501(c)(3) status, the Internal Revenue Service statement indicating 501(c)(3) status approval must be submitted.

Contact: Cassandra Mitchell, Phone: 202-693-4570, Website: www.dol.gov

Community Connect Grant Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

Deadline: 05/15/2006

The provision of broadband transmission service is vital to the economic development, education, health, and safety of rural Americans. The purpose of the Community Connect Grant Program is to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to eligible applicants that will provide currently unserved areas, on a "community-oriented connectivity" basis, with broadband transmission service that fosters economic growth and delivers enhanced educational, health care, and public safety services. USDA Rural Development will give priority to rural areas that it believes have the greatest need for broadband transmission services, based on the criteria contained herein.

Eligible Applicants: An incorporated organization, An Indian tribe or tribal organization, as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450b(b) and (c), A state or local unit of government, A cooperative, private corporation or limited liability company organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis.

Contact: Kenneth Kuchno, Phone: 202-690-4673

Website: www.usda.gov/rus/

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Community Services Block Grant Program Community Economic Development Discretionary Grant Program: Operational Projects

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Deadline: 05/12/2006

Pursuant to this announcement and, contingent upon available funding and statutory authorization, the Office of Community Services will award Community Economic Development discretionary grant funds for operational projects to Community Development Corporations that are experienced in implementing economic development projects. The purpose of these grants is to create new employment and business development opportunities for low-income individuals. Eligible CDCs, including American Indian, Native Alaskan, and faith-based CDCs, must have in place:

- written unconditional financial commitments for all non-CED funding needed for the project,
- management, staff and other resources to operate the project,
- evidence of site control for the project (e.g., lease agreement, or deed) and

referral sources from which low-income individuals would access the project.

Grant funds awarded under this announcement are intended to provide resources to eligible CDCs for their job creation and business projects as well as to address broader objectives such as arresting tendencies toward financial dependency, chronic unemployment, and community deterioration in both urban and rural areas. Eligible CDCs must submit a business plan that demonstrates the economic feasibility of the venture.

Maximum Grant Size: \$700,000

Number of Awards: 19-20

Eligible Applicants: Non-profits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education and Non-profits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Contact: Debbie Brown, Email: ocsgrants@ocf.hhs.gov

Website: www.ocf.hhs.gov

Rural Cooperative Development

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)

Deadline: 05/20/2006

The primary objective of the RCDG program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. Grant funds are provided for the establishment and operation of Centers that have the expertise or who can contract out for the expertise to assist individuals in the startup, expansion or operational improvement of cooperative businesses. The program is administered through USDA Rural Development State Offices acting on behalf of RBS.

Maximum Grant Size: \$225,000

Number of Awards: 22

Eligible Applicants: Grants may be made to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education.

Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs>

EDUCATION

Grants for Arts, Education, and Health Projects

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Milagro Foundation seeks grants applications from community-based, grass-roots organizations that work with underprivileged children and youth in the areas of arts, education, and health.

Maximum Award: \$5000.

Eligibility: 501(c)3 organizations in the United States

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Website: <http://www.milagrofoundation.org/apply.asp>

Beyond Words: The Dollar General School Library Relief Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Dollar General has created a grant program to benefit public school libraries in communities affected by disasters. The fund will provide grants for books, media, and/or equipment that support learning in a school library environment.

Maximum Award: \$15,000.

Eligible Applicants: Public school libraries that have incurred substantial damage or hardship due to a natural disaster (tornado, earthquake, hurricane, flood, avalanche, mudslide), fire or an act recognized by the federal government as terrorism. First priority for the initial grants will be given to school libraries impacted by hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma -- either through direct loss or through an increase in enrollment due to displaced students.

Website: <http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslawards/dollargeneral/disasterrelief.htm>

AEP Funding for Education & Human Services

Deadlines: Open/Rolling

The American Electric Power (AEP) Corporate Giving Program supports nonprofit organizations in communities in AEP's service territory. Funding is provided in such areas as education (preference is given to grades Pre-K-12 in the fields of math, science, and technology); and human services (hunger, housing, health and safety).

Eligible applicants: Nonprofit organizations in Texas, this includes Corpus Christi, Laredo, Victoria, McAllen, Abilene, San Angelo and Longview.

Website: <http://www.aep.com/go/corpgiving> <<http://www.aep.com/go/corpgiving>>

Fellowships for Hands-on Science Learning

Deadline: Open/ Rolling

Earthwatch Institute offers educators fully-funded fellowships for hands-on learning with leading scientists doing field research and conservation on one of 130 projects around the world.

Maximum Award: fully-funded fellowship.

Eligibility: Elementary, middle, and high school educators and administrators of any discipline.

Website: <http://www.earthwatch.org/education/educator/opportunities.html>

Barnes & Noble Corporate Contributions

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Barnes & Noble Corporate Contributions Program is committed to literary-based sponsorships and partners with organizations that focus their core businesses on higher learning, literacy and the arts.

Maximum Award: varies.

Eligibility: non-profit organizations that focus on literacy, the arts or education (K - 12).

Website: http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/sponsorships_national/donations_national.html

The Horace Mann Scholarship Program for Educators

Deadline: 05/16/2006

The Horace Mann Scholarship Program for Educators is offering scholarships for public and private school educators to take college courses. Maximum

Award: \$5,000

Eligibility: Educators must be employed by a U.S. public or private school district or U.S. public or private college or university at the time of application

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and at the time the scholarship is awarded, and must have at least two years teaching experience. Program is not open to residents of Hawaii, New Jersey and New York.

Website: <http://www.horacemann.com/educator-resources/educator-scholarship-program.html>

Grant to Enhance Awareness of Materials Science

Deadline: 05/25/2006

ASM International Foundation Teacher Grants aim to enhance awareness of materials science and the role of materials scientists in society.

Maximum Award: \$500

Eligibility: K-12 teachers

Website: http://www.asminternational.org/content/Foundation/LivingintheMaterialWorld/Living_Material_World.html

Grants for School Website Development

Deadline: 05/30/2006

SchoolSpan "Set-You-Free" Grants are for school districts nationwide that feel they are financially unable to escape from their current content management software vendors. The grant offers complete setup of a new web site; added functionality such as alumni portals, teacher course sites and newsletters; and one year of free web site service.

Maximum Award: Varies.

Eligible Applicants: all public and private school systems currently using a third party company to manage its web site; school districts using independent consultants or local firms to update and manage their site.

Website: http://www.schoolspan.com/grant_SetYouFree.asp

Target Store Grants for Arts, Reading, and Family Violence Prevention

Deadline 05/31/2006

Target Store Grants support local giving in the categories of Arts, Reading, and Family Violence Prevention. The program awards Reading grants to schools, libraries, and nonprofit organizations, supporting programs such as weekend book clubs, after-school reading programs, and events encouraging family reading time. Arts grants are given to programs that bring the arts to schools or make it affordable for families to participate in cultural experiences, such as school touring programs, field trips to the theater or symphony, or artist residencies and workshops in schools. Family Violence Prevention grants support groups working to make individual homes and entire communities safer, such as child abuse counseling programs and shelters.

Maximum Award: \$3000.

Eligible Applicants: nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status, schools, or units of government. Website: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-001818>

Nickelodeon Announces Giveaway Program to Encourage Healthy Play

Deadline: rolling, until 05/31/06

Children's television network Nickelodeon will distribute more than \$1 million from September 2005 to June 2006. The "Let's Just Play" Giveaway offers kids around the United States the opportunity to take action and enter for a chance to improve their school or community program's fitness resources.

Maximum Award: \$5000

Eligible Applicants: Kids (6-15 years of age), partnering with teachers and other community-based leaders.

Website: http://www.nick.com/all_nick/everything_nick/

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Nike Bowerman Track Renovation Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling until 05/31/2009

The Bowerman Track Renovation Program, administered by Nike's Community Affairs department, provides matching cash grants to community-based, youth-oriented organizations that seek to refurbish or construct running tracks anywhere in the world. Special consideration will be given to existing running tracks in need of repair or refurbishment, and tracks located in low and moderate-income communities.

Grant Size: matching grants of up to \$50,000 are provided, and approximately \$200,000 will be distributed each year. Visit the website listed above for application guidelines.

Website: <http://www.nike.com/nikebiz/nikebiz.jhtml?page=26&item=bowerman>

Academies for Young Scientists

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Deadline: 05/31/06 letter of intent, **06/30/06** final applications

NSF seeks to support NSFAYS Projects that will create, implement, evaluate, and disseminate effective models to attract K-8 students to, prepare them for, and retain them in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines, leading to an increase in the pool of students continuing in STEM coursework in high school and considering careers in STEM fields. Models must be built on sustainable partnerships of formal and informal education providers, business/industry, and Colleges of Education. The Foundation solicits highly innovative projects that expose students to innovative out-of-school time (OST) learning experiences that demonstrate effective synergies with in-school curricula, and take full advantage of the special attributes of each educational setting in synergistic ways. Projects should structure highly motivational experiences for students while providing essential STEM preparation. Professional development for classroom teachers and OST education providers will be critical to the success of NSFAYS Projects.

Maximum Grant Size: \$800,00

Number of Awards: 17-19

Eligible Applicants: Four required partners for Project proposals include: (1) a school district, a consortium of schools within a district, or a consortium of districts; (2) business(es)/industry(ies) within the community; (3) a College of Education that prepares and/or certifies teachers; and (4) an informal science education organization (see Section II of this solicitation for further information).

Website: www.nsf.gov

Service Learning Grants to Promote Crime Prevention & Community Service

Deadline: 06/01/2006

The National Crime Prevention Council will award grants to support service-learning projects planned and implemented by youth who identify needs and create projects to address or prevent crime, violence, and drug abuse in their schools and communities. These grants are intended to encourage and promote crime prevention, community service, and civic responsibility.

Maximum Award: \$500

Eligibility: Ages 11-19; Youth must be participating in a Community Works or Youth Safety Corps program or be in a youth group or class of six or more members.

Website: <http://www.ncpc.org/programs/tcc/>

Grants to Recognize Technological Advancements and Environmental Preservation Efforts

Deadline: 06/08/2006

The Lindbergh Foundation Grants endeavor to honor the Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh's legacy by funding projects that improve the quality of all life by seeking a balance between technological advancements and environmental preservation.

Maximum Award: \$10,580

Eligibility: Citizens from all countries may apply

Website: http://www.lindberghfoundation.org/grants/documents/2007LindberghGrantAppl_001.doc

Funding Opportunities

\$1,000 Community Service Grant for Literacy

Deadline: 06/09/2006

Youth Service America and Lionsgate are excited to announce the "Bee" the Change Community Service Grant for literacy. This grant opportunity offers \$1,000 to one young person between the ages of 5-25 to implement a sustainable community service project that increases literacy in their community and uses the movie, "Akeelah and the Bee" as inspiration. Projects should be youth-led and created, and must have a portion of their project take place on National and Global Youth Service Day (April 20-22, 2007).

Eligible Applicants: this is open to all young people in the United States between the ages of 5-25. Website: http://www.ysa.org/awards/award_grant.cfm#nowavailable

Hope for Education Essay Contest 2006

Deadline: 06/30/2006

In the Samsung and Microsoft "Hope for Education Essay Contest 2006," entrants can win Samsung Electronics and Microsoft Educational Software for their school. Maximum Award: \$200,000 of Samsung electronics and Microsoft educational software.

Eligible Applicants: legal residents of the fifty United States and the District of Columbia. Minors must obtain parental or guardian's consent.

Website: http://www.hopeforeducation.com/cgi-bin/nabc/campaign/hfe/hfe_essay.jsp?eUser=

Louis R. Cappelli Foundation: Grants for Education, Health & Fitness, and Arts Education

Deadline: 06/30/2006

The Louis R. Cappelli Foundation makes grants in support of philanthropic activities with a focus on programs addressing the special needs of youth. Three specific targeted areas where the Foundation focuses its attention are education, health and fitness, and arts education.

Maximum Award: varies.

Eligible Applicants: 501(c)(3) organizations that serve at-risk youth.

Website: <http://www.cappelli-inc.com/application.shtml#>

Teacher Incentive Fund

U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)

Deadline: 6/15/2006 Letter of intent, **7/31/2006** Final applications

The purpose of the Teacher Incentive Fund, authorized as part of the FY 2006 Department of Education Appropriations Act, Public Law 109-149, is to support programs that develop and implement performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems in high-need schools.

The specific goals of the Teacher Incentive Fund include: Improving student achievement by increasing teacher and principal effectiveness; reforming teacher and principal compensation systems so that teachers and principals are rewarded for increases in student achievement; increasing the number of effective teachers teaching poor, minority, and disadvantaged students in hard-to-staff subjects; and creating sustainable performance-based compensation systems.

Maximum Grant Size: \$12,000,000

Number of Awards: 10-15

Eligible Applicants: Local educational agencies, including charter schools that are LEAs in their State; State educational agencies; or partnerships of an LEA, an SEA, or both, and at least one non-profit organization.

Contact: Margaret McNeely, Phone: 202-205-5224, Email: www.tif@ed.gov

Grants for Teaching Meteorology

Deadline: 08/01/2006

National Weather Association Sol Hirsch Education Fund Grants are available to help improve the education of their students in meteorology. Teachers selected will be able to use the funds to take an accredited course in atmospheric sciences, attend a relevant workshop or conference, or purchase scientific materials or equipment for the classroom.

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Maximum Award: \$500

Eligibility: Teachers, program directors, school district supervisors and other individuals or groups proposing to improve the education of K-12 students in meteorology.

Website: <http://www.nwas.org/solhirsch.html>

National Gardening Association Healthy Sprouts Awards

Deadline: 10/15/2006

This program invites applications from schools or organizations who plan to garden in 2007. Maximum Award: \$200 Gift Certificate.

Eligibility: groups having at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18.

Website: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/healthysprouts1.asp>

Interactions between Mathematical Sciences and Engineering

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The NSF-wide Mathematical Sciences Priority Area (MSPA), the Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS) and the Directorate for Engineering (ENG) anticipate funding projects of mutual interest. The research envisioned in this program will seek to build new mathematical and statistical methods and structures within the context of meaningful engineering applications. Appropriate for inclusion under this program are proposals that address the broad topical areas of large data sets (e.g., inference, learning and real-time dynamic optimization), modeling and handling uncertainty (e.g., decision-making under uncertainty) and enhancing the understanding and management of complex systems (e.g., modeling, control and optimization of systems involving multiple scales in time and space). Proposed projects should be innovative and strive for breakthroughs rather than incremental improvement, and should be of compelling independent interest within both the engineering and mathematical and statistical sciences communities. Proposals should focus on developing, extending and analyzing general-purpose mathematical and statistical methods. Efforts at a greater unification of methods, approaches and principles are welcome.

Funding Available: \$5,800,000

Number of Awards: 25

Eligible applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

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Total Funding Available: \$5,800,000

Number of Awards: 25

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

Parental Information and Resource Centers

U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)

Deadline: 04/24/2006 letter of intent, 05/15/2006 final application

The purpose of the PIRC program is to help implement successful and effective parental involvement policies, programs, and activities that lead to improvements in student academic achievement and strengthen partnerships among parents, teachers, principals, administrators, and other school personnel in meeting the educational needs of children. The PIRC program supports school-based and school-linked parental information and resource centers that: Help implement effective parental involvement policies, programs, and activities that will improve children's academic achievement; Develop and strengthen partnerships among parents (including parents of children from birth through age five), teachers, principals, administrators, and other school personnel in meeting the educational needs of children; Develop and strengthen the relationship between parents and their children's school; Further the developmental progress of children assisted under the program; Coordinate activities funded under the program with parental involvement initiatives funded under section 1118 and other provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA); and Provide a comprehensive approach to improving student learning, through coordination and integration of Federal, State, and local services and programs.

Maximum Grant Size: \$950,000

Number of Awards: 65

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations, or consortia of nonprofit organizations and LEAs. Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply for funding provided that they are nonprofit organizations, as defined elsewhere in this notice.

Contact: Steven L. Brockhouse, Phone: 202-260-2476, Email: steve.brockhouse@ed.gov

Website: www.ed.gov

Migrant Education Even Start Family Literacy Program

U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)

Deadline: 05/12/2006

MEES Family Literacy program grants are intended to help break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy of migratory agricultural or fishing families by improving the educational opportunities of these families through the integration of early childhood education, adult literacy or adult basic education, and parenting education into a unified family literacy program. This program is implemented through cooperative activities that build on high-quality existing community resources to create a new range of educational services for most-in-need migratory agricultural or fishing families; promote the academic achievement of migratory children and adults; assist migratory children and adults from low-income families in achieving challenging State content standards and challenging State student achievement standards; and use instructional programs based on scientifically based reading research on preventing and overcoming reading difficulties for children and adults. The application package contains a description of the 15 program elements that MEES projects must provide, as required under Title I, Part B, Section 1235 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA).

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Number of Awards: 10

Eligible Applicants: Any entity is eligible to apply for a grant under the Migrant Education Even Start (MEES) Family Literacy Program. For example, the following types of entities are eligible to apply: State educational agencies (SEAs) that administer migrant education programs; local educational agencies (LEAs) that have a high percentage of migratory students; nonprofit community-based organizations that work with migratory agricultural or fishing families; and faith-based organizations.

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Contact: DonnaMarie Marlow, Phone: 202-260-2815, Email: DonnaMarie.Marlow@ed.gov

Website: www.ed.gov

Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program: Special Experiential Learning Grants

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)

Deadline: 06/01/2006

The purpose of the Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program is to support recruiting, retaining, mentoring, and training of high quality multicultural scholars in undergraduate education, resulting in either a baccalaureate degree within the food, agricultural sciences and natural resources or the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. The MSP seeks to increase the multicultural diversity of the food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce, and advance the educational achievement of all Americans by providing competitive grants to colleges and universities that have (1) a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of the food and agricultural sciences, and (2) unique capabilities for achieving representation of diverse cultural groups in the fields of food, agriculture, natural resources, forestry, veterinary medicine, agricultural markets, policy and trade, or closely allied disciplines.

Eligible Applicants: Applications may be submitted by (a) U.S. public or private non-profit colleges and universities that offer baccalaureate degree or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree programs in at least one discipline of the food and agricultural sciences (see Part VIII, E., Definitions); (b) land-grant colleges and universities, including land-grant institutions in insular areas; (c) colleges and universities with significant minority enrollment and a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of food and agricultural sciences; and (d) other colleges and universities with a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of food and agricultural sciences.

Contact: Audrey A. Trotman, Phone: 202-720-1973, Email: atrotman@csrees.usda.gov

Website: www.csrees.usda.gov

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) Type 2 *National Science Foundation (NSF)*

Deadline: 8/15/2006 Letter of intent, **9/26/2006** Final applications

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) seeks to increase the number of students (U.S. citizens or permanent residents) receiving associate or baccalaureate degrees in established or emerging fields within science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Type 2 proposals are solicited that support educational research projects on associate or baccalaureate degree attainment in STEM.

Funding Available: \$25,000,000

Number of Awards: 1 – 3

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

FAMILIES & CHILDREN

A.L. Mailman Family Foundation

Deadline: letter of intent May 1 or December 1 (annual dates)

The A.L. Mailman Family Foundation's mission is to enhance the ability of families and communities to nurture their children. The Foundation believes that the most effective way to address this mission is by focusing on early childhood, and therefore funds projects of national import in the early childhood field. The Foundation focuses on the following funding categories: Early Childhood Care and Education, Family Support, and Moral Education and Social Responsibility. The Foundation does not support locally focused, direct service projects of organizations such as child care centers, schools, and professional education programs. The deadlines for letters of inquiry are May 15 and December 1, annually. Visit the website listed above for application information.

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Website: <http://www.mailman.org/>

Street Outreach Program

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Deadline: 05/18/2006

The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Street Outreach Program (SOP). The SOP is one of the programs authorized by the Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act of 2003 to address runaway and homeless youth problems. The SOP purpose is to conduct outreach services designed to build relationships between grantee staff and street youth. A range of education, intervention, and prevention services are offered to youth who are at risk of being subjected to sexual abuse or exploitation. The goal of these efforts is to help young people leave the streets and assist in moving and adjusting to a safe and appropriate living arrangement.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Awards: 25-50

Eligible Applicants: Non-profits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Faith-based and community organizations that meet the statutory eligibility requirements are eligible to apply under this announcement.

Contact: Kelli Matson-Geist, Phone: 866-796-1591, Email: FYSB@dixongroup.com

Website: www.acf.hhs.gov

Adolescent Family Life Demonstration Projects

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Population Affairs (OPA)

Deadline: 05/22/2006

These grants are for public or private nonprofit organizations or agencies to demonstrate effective means of strengthening families by providing an array of services that help prevent repeat pregnancy and enhance the well being of pregnant or parenting adolescent mothers, their children, fathers of their children, husbands and/or male partners with whom they are in a long-term relationship.

Eligible Applicants: Any public or private nonprofit organization or agency is eligible to apply for a grant. However, only those organizations or agencies which demonstrate the capability of providing the proposed services and meet the statutory requirements are considered for grant awards. Faith-based and community-based organizations are encouraged to apply for AFL grants. Please note, however, that AFL funds may not be used for inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, and proselytization.

Contact: OAPP Staff, Phone: 240-453-2828, Email: oapp@osophs.dhhs.gov

Website: www.dhhs.gov

Community Awareness and Outreach Campaign Projects for the Prevention of Family Violence

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Deadline: 06/11/2006

The goal of this priority area is to provide for the distribution of credible and persuasive information by community organizations to help break the cycle of family violence. Support for these efforts will help ensure that individuals, particularly within minority communities, are aware of available resources and alternative responses for the intervention and prevention of violence. The purpose of this program is to assist in the continual development of outreach and community awareness campaign projects and activities that provide information for the prevention of family violence. These projects should provide information on resources, facilities and service alternatives available to family violence victims and their dependents, community organizations, local school districts and individuals seeking assistance.

Maximum Grant Size: \$75,000

Number of Awards: 5 – 10

Eligible Applicants: County governments, City or township governments, Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized), Native American Tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Non-profits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Non-profits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Faith-based and community organizations that meet the statutory eligibility requirements are eligible to apply under this announcement

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Contact: William D. Riley, Phone: 202-401-5529, Email: wiley@acf.hhs.gov

Website: www.acf.hhs.gov

HEALTH

W.K. Kellogg Foundation Grants

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Deadline: Rolling/ Open

Health programming at the Kellogg Foundation focuses explicitly on improving individual and community health and improving access and the quality of health care. The goal over the next five years is to promote health among vulnerable individuals and communities through programming that: empowers individuals, mobilizes communities, engages institutions, improves health care quality and access, and informs public and marketplace policy. Grant making takes into account the social and economic determinants of health within a person's community; the quality of health institutions within that community; and the policies that determine how health services are organized, provided, and financed. Grant making also targets communities, health care systems, and public health as centers of change.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible organizations include nonprofit organizations with 501(c) 3 status.

Contact: Deborah A Rey, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, One Michigan Ave. East, Battle Creek, MI 49017-4058.

Website: <http://www.wkkf.org/Grants/>

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Local Initiative Funding Partners Program

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Deadline: Rolling/ Open

The Local Initiative Funding Partners (LIFP) program is a partnership between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and local grantmakers that supports innovative, community-based projects to improve health and health care for vulnerable populations. Through LIFP, a local grantmaker proposes a funding partnership with RWJF by nominating a new project designed to address the health problems of people who are not reached by traditional health and social services, or for whom existing services are insufficient. LIFP provides grants of \$200,000 to \$500,000 per project, which must be matched dollar for dollar by local grantmakers such as independent and private foundations, community and family foundations, corporate foundations and others. These matching grants may not be used for operation of existing programs.

Website: <http://www.lifp.org/>

Grants for HIV/AIDS Programs

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The M-A-C AIDS Fund provides grants to charitable, nonprofit organizations worldwide that provide basic needs, direct services, education, awareness and prevention programs to men, women and children affected by HIV/AIDS. Grant applications are accepted from organizations in the United States and Canada that focus on the Fund's mission of caring for men, women and children affected by HIV/AIDS. (Requests for international grants are accepted by invitation only.) Grant applications are accepted throughout the year, and are reviewed quarterly. Visit the website listed above for more information.

Website: <http://www.macaidsfund.org/who/who.html>

Funding Opportunities

Balance Bar Community Awards

Deadline: 08/30/2006

As part of its commitment to helping people enjoy a healthy active lifestyle, the [Balance Bar Food Company](#) offers grants to help community organizations pursue their goals. Balance Bar Community Grants provide financial support to enable communities and organizations to passionately pursue physical activities that enrich their members' lives. The grant must be dedicated to a project that will provide organization members, as well as community residents, with opportunities to lead healthy, active lifestyles. The applicant and the majority of beneficiaries of grant monies must be 18 years or older.

Maximum Award: \$25,000

Number of Awards: 3 annually

Eligible Applicants: Organizations with 501(c)(3) status can apply

Website: <http://www.balance.com/grants/default.aspx>

American Academy of Dermatology Awards Shade Structure Grants

Open: 05/01/2006

The American Academy of Dermatology's (Academy's) Shade Structure Grant Program awards funds for the purchase for permanent shade structures to non-profit organizations in need of shade for outdoor locations. These locations include any areas where children and adults gather and are exposed to the harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays of the sun, such as playgrounds, pools, bleachers, eating areas and other recreation areas. The Academy's Youth Education Committee awards the grants based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated commitment to sun safety within their organization and community;
- Sponsorship of application by an Academy member dermatologist from their community; and
- Ability to meet the build timeline.

The 2006 Shade Structure Grant application and guidelines will be available on Monday, May 1, 2006.

Website: www.aad.org

National Research Initiative: Human Nutrition and Obesity

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Deadline: 6/15/2006

This crosscutting program addresses the complex problem of obesity prevention. Projects funded by this program are intended to lead to a better understanding of the behavioral and environmental factors that influence obesity and to the development and evaluation of effective interventions to prevent obesity. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities and additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,500,000

Eligible Applicants: 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, 1994 Land-Grant Institutions, City or Township Governments, County Governments, For-profit Organizations Other Than Small Businesses, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Individuals, Native American Tribal Organizations, not Federally recognized Tribal Governments, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Education, Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Small Businesses, State Agricultural Experiment Stations, State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education and State Governments

Contact: Etta Saltos, Phone: 202-401-5178, Email: esaltos@csrees.usda.gov

Funding Opportunities

Website: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov>

Grants to Establish Programs Coordinating Organ Donation Activities of Hospitals and Organ Procurement Organizations

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Deadline: 05/16/2006

The intent of the program is to provide funds to Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) and hospitals to establish programs coordinating organ donation activities to increase the rate of organ donations for participating hospitals. This grant program is aimed at strengthening and increasing the effectiveness of hospital organ donation activities by assisting OPOs and hospitals with strategies to increase the availability of transplantable organs.

Eligible Applicants: All CMS-certified organ procurement organizations (OPOs), hospitals, and consortium of hospitals may apply. All applications must include one OPO applicant and at least one hospital applicant. To be eligible, a hospital has to perform significant trauma care, or a hospital or consortium of hospitals must serve a population base of not fewer than 2,000,000 individuals. Faith-based and community hospitals are eligible to apply under this grant program. The lead applicant must agree that the program funded by this grant would be carried out jointly by representatives from the eligible applicant hospital and OPO and by other entities that such representatives may designate.

Contact: Nancy Carothers, Phone: 301-443-3622, Email: ncatrothers@hrsa.gov

Website: www.hrsa.gov

HIV Prevention Program for Young Women Attending Minority Institutions: Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges and Universities

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Women's Health (OWH)

Deadline: 06/04/2006

This initiative is intended to demonstrate the need for targeting prevention programs to college-age minority women to increase their knowledge and abilities in the areas of: Understanding how the female body works in relation to their increased vulnerability for acquiring HIV/AIDS; practicing the ABC: Abstinence, Being Faithful, Condoms; gaining empowerment skills sufficient to negotiate safe sex practices; and shifting their attitudes and beliefs so that health becomes a priority in their lives. Moreover, the program intends to address HIV/ AIDS/STDs from a cultural perspective by acknowledging the implications of being a young minority woman and educating them to take leadership in teaching their peers and partners how to live without contracting HIV/AIDS/STDs. Therefore, this pilot HIV/AIDS prevention education program will demonstrate what it takes to equip college-age minority women with the tools and the means to effectively communicate with their partners and protect themselves from HIV/AIDS/STDs. The OWH HIV/AIDS program began in 1999 with funding from the Minority AIDS Fund (formerly Minority AIDS Initiative) to address the gaps in services provided to women who are at risk or living with HIV. Since the inception of the HIV/AIDS programs, the program focus has expanded from two to seven. These programs include: HIV Prevention for Women Living in the Rural South, Prevention and Support for Incarcerated/ Newly Released Women, Model Mentorship for Strengthening Organizational Capacity, HIV Prevention for Young Women Attending Minority Institutions (e.g. Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges and Universities), HIV Prevention for Women Living in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Prevention and Support for HIV Positive Women Living in Puerto Rico, and Inter-generational Approaches to HIV Prevention for Women Across the Lifespan.

Maximum Grant Size: \$140,000

Eligible Applicants: Eligible entities may include: Not for profit community based organizations, national organizations, colleges and universities, clinics and hospitals, research institutions, State and local government agencies, tribal government and tribal/urban Indian entities and organizations. Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply.

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Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

Deadline: 06/12/2006

Distance learning and telemedicine grants are specifically designed to provide access to education, training and health care resources for people in rural America. The Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program provides financial assistance to encourage and improve telemedicine services and distance learning services in rural areas through the use of telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents. The grants are awarded through a competitive process.

Total funding Available: \$20,000,000

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: Only entities legally organized as one of the following are eligible for DLT grants: An incorporated organization or partnership, An Indian tribe or tribal organization, as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450b(b) and (c), A state or local unit of government, A consortium, as defined in 7 CFR 1703.102, or Other legal entity, including a private corporation organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis.

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Minority Community Health Partnership HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Minority Health (OMH)

Deadline: 06/19/2006

The Minority Community Health Partnership HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program seeks to improve the health status relative to HIV/AIDS, of targeted minority populations through health promotion and education activities. This program is intended to test community-based interventions on reducing HIV/AIDS disparities among racial and ethnic minority populations, and demonstrate the effectiveness of community-based partnerships involving non-traditional partners at the local level in: Developing an integrated community-based response to the HIV/AIDS crisis through community dialogue and interactions; Addressing the sociocultural, linguistic and other barriers to HIV/AIDS treatment to increase the number of individuals seeking and accepting services; and Developing and implementing HIV/AIDS prevention, interventions, and educational efforts for targeted minority populations.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Awards: 13-17

Eligible Applicants: Private nonprofit community-based, minority-serving organization which addresses health or human services; or Public (local or tribal government) community-based organization which addresses health or human services; Historically Black College or University, Hispanic Serving Institution, or Tribal College or University; and Represent a community partnership of at least three discrete organizations which include: A community-based, minority-serving organization (applicant) with at least five years of documented experience in conducting HIV/AIDS education and health promotion activities; An AIDS Service Organization with at least three years of documented experience to ensure that information dissemination on HIV/AIDS and related issues is current and accurate from a medical point of view; and A minority-serving organization rooted in the community with no experience in HIV/AIDS activities.

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Contraceptive Development Research Centers Program

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 7/14/2006 Letter of intent, **8/14/2006** Final applications

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) invites applications from investigators interested in participating with NICHD in an ongoing multicenter cooperative research program termed the Contraceptive Development Research Centers Program. This program is designed to expedite the development of new methods to regulate fertility. The aim of the program is to conduct a wide range of research, both basic and applied, with the ultimate goal of developing clinically useful products. Recognizing that the complexity of contraceptive development can severely limit

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progress achieved by individual investigators working alone, the NICHD will support three Centers composed of research projects and technical service core facilities that are interactively organized to conduct research to discover and/or develop promising new leads for regulation of fertility. The focus of individual projects may include basic, preclinical or clinical research or a combination of these areas.

Funding Available: \$5,900,000

Number of Awards: 1-3

Eligible Applicants: For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories, Units of State government, Units of local government, Eligible agencies of the Federal government, and Domestic Institutions

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Research on Pathways Linking Environments, Behaviors and HIV/AIDS

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 09/01/2006

This announcement invites research on the interrelationships among and pathways linking social, economic, cultural, and institutional environments; prevalence and patterning of individual behaviors related to HIV risk and prevention; and the prevalence, patterning, and spread of HIV infection in a population. This announcement seeks to stimulate innovative approaches to understanding the complex mechanisms involved in the spread of HIV and its consequences in a variety of populations across the globe. This includes the search for, production of and testing of improved models to account for changes in both behavior and biology under different levels of disease prevalence.

Eligible Applicants: You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics: For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories, Units of State government, Units of local government, Eligible agencies of the Federal government, Foreign Institutions, Domestic Institutions, Faith-based or community-based organizations

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Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 9/13/2006 Letter of intent, **10/13/2006** Final applications

This Funding Opportunity Announcement invites applications to develop research on health literacy in general areas that include, but are not limited to, the following: Modeling and measuring the nature and scope of health literacy; Variation in health literacy over the life course or among native and non-native speakers of English; Mediators and moderators of low health literacy; The impact of low health literacy on health outcomes, diseases, behaviors and treatments, including the contribution of health literacy to informed decision-making, adherence to preventative or therapeutic regimens, utilization of health care services, risk avoidance strategies, and other consumer health-care related actions; The identification of effective preventive and other interventions to improve health literacy among populations and to enable the healthcare and public health systems to communicate effectively across different health literacy levels; and The development of effective methods and new technologies in health literacy research.

Eligible Applicants: For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories, Units of State government, Units of local government, Eligible agencies of the Federal government, Foreign Institutions, Domestic Institutions, Faith-based or community-based organizations, Units of State Tribal government and Units of Local Tribal government.

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HOUSING

Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants for Off-Farm Housing

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Housing Service (RHS)

Deadline: 05/19/2006

This NOFA announces the timeframe to submit applications for section 514 Farm Labor Housing (FLH) loans and section 516 FLH grants for the construction of new off-farm FLH units and related facilities for domestic farm laborers. The intended purpose of these loans and grants is to increase the number of available housing units for domestic farm laborers. Applications may also include requests for section 521 rental assistance (RA) and operating assistance for migrant units. This document describes the method used to distribute funds, the application process, and submission requirements.

Funding Available: \$42,428,082

Eligible Applicants: must be a broad-based nonprofit organization, a nonprofit organization of farm workers, a federally recognized Indian tribe, an agency or political subdivision of a State or local government, or a public agency (such as a housing authority), the applicant must be a broad-based nonprofit organization, a nonprofit organization of farm workers, a federally recognized Indian tribe, an agency or political subdivision of a State or local government, a public agency (such as a housing authority), or a limited partnership which has a nonprofit entity as its sole general partner and: (a) Be unable to provide the necessary housing from its own resources; and (b) Except for State or local public agencies and Indian tribes, be unable to obtain similar credit elsewhere at rates that would allow for rents within the payment ability of eligible residents.

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Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Deadline: 06/06/2006

The purpose of the Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program is to provide predevelopment grant funding for architectural and engineering work, site control, and other planning-related expenses that are eligible for funding under the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program. Eligibility for predevelopment grant funding is limited to projects that have received Fund Reservation awards pursuant to the FY 2005 Section 202 SuperNOFA for the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program. Subsequent to providing predevelopment grant funding to the selected eligible applicants, HUD will assess the impact of the availability of such funding on the ability of project Sponsors to expedite the development processing of projects from Section 202 Fund Reservation to Initial Closing within 18 months. HUD is aware of the complexities of developing Section 202 projects and understands that a lack of predevelopment funding may be a contributing factor in many instances where project Sponsors are not able to move their approved projects from the Fund Reservation award to Initial Closing within the required 18-month time frame. Funding under this program is not intended to duplicate Section 202 Capital Advance funding, but rather to provide a source of funding for predevelopment costs that would otherwise not be reimbursable until Initial Closing or would be payable from eligible funding resources secured outside of Section 202 Capital Advance funding.

Eligible Applicants: All private nonprofit organizations and nonprofit consumer cooperatives that submitted an application for funding consideration under the FY 2005 SuperNOFA for the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program are eligible to apply for funding under this Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program. (Please refer to the Section 202 Program NOFA (70 FR 14187), published March 21, 2005, for a discussion on the eligibility criteria for the Section 202 program). However, funding awards under this Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program will be restricted to those applicants that are selected for Fund Reservation Awards under the FY 2005 SuperNOFA for the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program. Funding under this program will not be fair shared to each HUD office. Ineligible applicants include: Applicants that failed to submit a request for Fund Reservation under the FY 2005 Section 202 Program NOFA, Applications from eligible applicants that do not receive a Fund Reservation Award under the FY 2005 SuperNOFA for the Section 202 Program, Applications from applicants that are ineligible under the Section 202 program, including public bodies and instrumentalities of public bodies, Applicants submitting proposals involving mixed-financing for additional units.

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Section 515 Multi-Family Housing Preservation Revolving Loan Fund Demonstration Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Housing Service (RHS)

Deadline: 6/19/2006

The Rural Housing Service, (RHS), an Agency under USDA Rural Development, announces the availability of funds and the timeframe to submit applications for loans to private non-profit organizations, or such non-profit organizations' affiliate loan funds and State and local housing finance agencies, to carry out a housing demonstration program to provide revolving loans for the preservation and revitalization of low-income multi-family housing. Housing that is assisted by this demonstration program must be financed by USDA Rural Development through its multi-family housing loan program under section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949. This demonstration program will be achieved through loans made to intermediaries that establish programs for the purpose of providing loans to ultimate recipients for the preservation and revitalization of section 515 multi-family housing as affordable housing.

Total Funding Available: \$6,364,414

Eligible Applicants: The types of entities which may become intermediaries are private nonprofit organizations or such non-profit organizations' affiliate loan funds and State and local housing finance agencies. The intermediary must have: (i) The legal authority necessary for carrying out the proposed loan purposes and for obtaining, giving security for, and repaying the proposed loan. (ii) A proven record of successfully assisting low-income multi-family housing projects. Such record will include recent experience in loan making and servicing loans that are similar in nature to those proposed for the PRLF demonstration program and a delinquency and loss rate acceptable to the Agency. (iii) The services of a staff with loan making and servicing expertise acceptable to the Agency. (iv) Capitalization acceptable to the Agency.

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Section 515 Rural Rental Housing Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Housing Service (RHS)

Deadline: 05/19/2006

This NOFA announces the timeframe to submit applications for section 515 Rural Rental Housing (RRH) loan funds, including applications for the nonprofit set-aside for eligible nonprofit entities, the set-aside for the most Underserved Counties and Colonias (Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act), and the set-aside for Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZ/ECs) and Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) zones. This document describes the methodology that will be used to distribute funds, the application process, submission requirements, and areas of special emphasis or consideration.

Total Funding Available: \$99,000,000

Eligible Applicants: non profit entities

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Revitalization of Severely Distressed Public Housing: HOPE VI Revitalization Grants

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)

Deadline: 07/10/2006

On March 8, 2006, HUD published its FY2006 SuperNOFA for HUD's Discretionary Programs, which contained 39 funding opportunities. Today's publication supplements the SuperNOFA by adding funding opportunities for the HOPE VI Main Street and HOPE VI Revitalization programs. Since these NOFAs are part of the SuperNOFA, the NOFAs published today are governed by the information and instructions found in the Notice of Funding Availability Policy Requirements and General Section (General Section) to the SuperNOFA that HUD published on January 20, 2006, and the Introduction published on March 8, 2006. The purpose of HOPE VI Revitalization grants is to: Improve the living environment for public housing residents of severely distressed public housing projects through the demolition, rehabilitation, reconfiguration, or replacement of obsolete public housing projects (or portions thereof); Revitalize sites (including remaining public housing dwelling units) on which such public housing projects are located and contribute to the improvement of the surrounding neighborhood; Provide housing that will avoid or decrease the concentration of very low-income families; and Build sustainable communities.

Total Funding Available: \$20,000,000

Number of Awards: 4

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Eligible Applicants: Public housing authorities

Website: www.hud.gov

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

Deadline: 05/16/2006

The Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (the "Coverdell program") awards grants to States and units of local government to help improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services and/or to eliminate backlogs in the analysis of forensic evidence, including controlled substances, firearms examination, forensic pathology, latent prints, questioned documents, toxicology, and trace evidence. States may apply for both "base" (formula) and competitive funds. Units of local government may apply for competitive funds.

Total Funding Available: \$15,169,145

Eligible Applicants: Applicants are limited to States (including territories) and units of local government. State Administering Agencies (SAAs) apply on behalf of States.

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Survey of Law Enforcement Gang Units

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)

Deadline: 05/29/2006

The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding to administer the 2006 Survey of Law Enforcement Gang Units project. As the statistical arm of the U.S. Department of Justice, BJS is responsible for the collection, analysis, publication, and dissemination of statistical information on crime, criminal offenders, victims of crime, and the operations of justice systems at all levels of government. This program furthers the Bureau's mission by continuing its dedication to developing, maintaining, and reporting on all of its statistical series, which cover every stage of the American criminal and civil justice system.

Eligible Applicants: Both profit-making and nonprofit organizations may apply for funds. However, consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not allowed to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award.

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NATURE, CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Texas Outdoor Recreation Grants

Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife

Deadline: 07/31/2006

This program provides 50% matching grant funds to acquire and develop parkland or to renovate existing public recreation areas. Projects must be completed within three years of approval.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: cities, counties, MUDs and other special districts

Funding Opportunities

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/trpa/#lwcf>

Texas Indoor Recreation Grants

Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife

Deadline: 07/31/2006

The program provides 50% matching grant funds to municipalities, counties, MUDs, and other local units of government to construct recreation centers, community centers, nature centers and other facilities.

Maximum Grant Size: \$637,500

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/trpa/#lwcf>

Texas Community Outdoor Outreach Program (COOP) Grants

Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife

Deadline: 10/01/2006

The COOP grant helps to introduce under-served populations to the **services, programs, and facilities** of Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. This is not a land acquisition/construction grant; this is only for programs and services.

Maximum Grant Size: \$30,000

Eligible Applicants: non-profit organizations, schools, municipalities, counties, cities, and other groups.

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/trpa/#lwcf>

Texas Recreational Trail Grants

Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife

Deadline: 06/01/2006

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department) administers the National Recreational Trails Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles. The grants can be up to 80% of project cost. Funds can be spent on both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects such as the construction of new recreational trails, to improve existing trails, to develop trailheads or trailside facilities, and to acquire trail corridors

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/trpa/#lwcf>

TRANSPORTATION

Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands Program

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Deadline: 05/05/2006

This solicitation is for proposals for fiscal year 2006 funding through the new Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands program, administered by the Federal Transit Administration in partnership with the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. The purpose of the program is to enhance the protection of national parks and Federal lands, and increase the enjoyment of those visiting them. The program funds capital and planning expenses for alternative transportation systems in parks and public lands.

Total Funding Available: \$ 21,780,000

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Eligible Applicants: The National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land management, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Reclamation; and State, tribal and local governments with jurisdiction over land in the vicinity of an eligible area acting with the consent of a Federal land management agency, alone or in partnership with a Federal land management agency or other governmental or non-governmental participant.

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Child Safety and Child Booster Seats Incentive Grants

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Deadline: 07/01/2006

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announces a grant program under Section 2011 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act--A Legacy of Users (SAFETEA-LU) to implement programs to purchase and distribute child restraints, support enforcement of child restraint laws, train child passenger safety professionals concerning all aspects of child restraint use, and educate the public concerning the proper use and installation of child restraints.

Eligible Applicants: Each of the fifty United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico may submit an application under this program.

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Incentive Grant Program To Prohibit Racial Profiling

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Deadline: 07/01/2006

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announces a new incentive grant program concerning racial profiling under section 1906 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU).

Eligible Applicants: The 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are eligible to apply for grants under the section 1906 grant program.

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State Traffic Safety Information System Improvement Grants

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Deadline: 06/15/2006

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announces a grant program to improve State traffic safety information systems under Section 2006 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU). This Notice informs the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through their Governors' Representatives for Highway Safety, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (on behalf of the Indian tribes), of the application procedures to receive grants to be made available in fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

Eligible Applicants: The 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Indian tribes through the Bureau of Indian Affairs are eligible to apply for grants under the Section 408 Program.

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Funding Opportunities

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